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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; and Cotton Valley
Formation, Reservoir A; CASPIANA FIELD, Caddo and
Bossier Parishes, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; and to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; in the Caspiana Field, Caddo and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana:

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, and from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, Caspiana Field, Caddo and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana, such units being shown on attached plats and being designated HOSS RA SU79 and CV RA SU72.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed additional units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate a unit operator of, and unit well for, the proposed additional units as may be appropriate.
4. To redefine the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, insofar and only insofar as to the proposed unit CV RA SU72, as being the stratigraphic equivalent of that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 8,770 feet and 10,310 feet, electric log measurements, in the Petrochem Operating Co.--Mendenhall 10 No. 1 Well (SN 226622), located in Section 10, Township 15 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.
5. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 191-B, effective April 15, 1975, as amended and supplemented by the Order No. 191-B series of Orders, to the proposed additional unit for the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A.
6. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 191-A, effective February 15, 1975, as amended and supplemented by the Order No. 191-A series of Orders, to the proposed additional unit for the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A.
7. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 191-B, effective April 15, 1975.

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The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field is currently defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 191-A, effective February 15, 1975.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

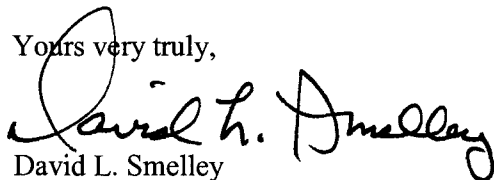
By letter dated February 22, 2005, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set March 17, 2005, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the pre-application conference was received within ten (10) days after the date of the pre-application notice; accordingly, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of each of the unit plats (which are identical to the plats attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Caspiana Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley
Attorney for Matador Production Company

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. John Durham (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plats only)

